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## **ZIONISTS DESECRATE CHRISTIAN PLACES**

The newest slant in the Zionist propaganda line in the United States is to exploit religious bigotry (Christian versus Moslem) to serve their political goal. The way the pro-Zionist press in the United States has treated the battle in the old walled-in city of Jerusalem and the war damages sustained by Christian religious places pictures the Arabs as if they were outside marauders intentionally desecrating the shrines, whereas the truth is that armed Zionists themselves have caused or instigated the causing of major desecrations.

The facts are borne out by those who are in a position to know, by those who have suffered such damages. The facts are revealed in the Christian clergy's telegram to the Pope, in their manifesto on May 31, in their sound appeal to the United Nations last March. Although the American press was fully cognizant of these pronouncements they were generally either ignored or "buried" in the news columns. That armed Zionists are desecrating Christian holy places is shown in the following evidence:

According to an Associated Press report from Jerusalem on June 5th, Roman Catholic dignitaries sent a telegram informing the Pope in Rome that Jews consistently failed to respect holy places in the war in Jerusalem, while Arabs kept their word in this regard. The Jewish attacks in the Holy City were "for the purpose of occupying it and with the announced purpose to plunder it as they had done in Haifa, Tiberias and Jaffa," the Catholics charged, adding that the

Jews had turned convents and a monastery into fortresses from which they "pour incessantly and without discrimination their fire on the Holy City." The message was signed by Monsignor Vincent Gelat, Apostolic Administrator of the Latin Patriarchate; Franciscan Father Alberto Gori, custodian of the Holy Land; Monsignor Michael Assaf, Vicar General of the Greek Catholic Patriarchate, and Vicar James Ghergossian, of the Armenian Catholic patriarchate.

Jewish forces have used ten Christian religious and humanitarian institutions in Jerusalem as military bases, according to a manifesto issued by officials of the Christian Union on May 31st. Shellfire caused the destruction or damage of 14 institutions.

The manifesto charges that "since the Jews began the attack," three priests have been killed, two wounded and more than 100 women and children and other non-combatants had become casualties inside Jerusalem. The signers of the manifesto claim that "the largest part of the shells falling on the Holy Sepulchre and on churches, convents and Christian institutions are of Jewish origin. They assert that the Arabs have respected the holy places, the churches, the convents and the Red Cross institutions.

Addressed to the "religious and political authorities throughout the world," the manifesto charges that "it was the Jews who began, on the morning of May 15, to occupy by armed force the Convent of Notre Dame de France, the Redemptionist Sisters' and the French hospital, which they fortified and from which they began to fire on the Holy City." The document also accuses the Jews of occupying "on Mount Zion, the Monastery of the German Benedictine Fathers and two convents of the Holy Trinity and of St. George, belonging to the Greek Orthodox Church, which served for military operations and from which they fired on the city of Jerusalem. They occupy today (May 31) buildings which fly the flags of the Holy See, of France, of the Holy Sepulchre and of the International Red Cross."

The manifesto charges that the Jews occupied the French hospital "militarily in spite of the presence of the Sisters of St. Joseph and their patients and regardless of the Red Cross flag flying from its staff." It adds that a force of armed Jews occupied the Italian Hospital which the International Red Cross had placed under its protection on May 15 and that

Jews "took down the Red Cross flag and raised their own flag in spite of protests from the Italian consul. They used terraces as gun emplacements."

The document cites that Zionist fighters occupied the English School of Mount Zion and the Greek Orthodox Convent of St. John on May 15 and that they had fired shells from the Hebrew University and Hadassah hospital on Mount Scopus and also from two large synagogues in the Old City, which Arab forces eventually had to demolish.

#### *MORE EVIDENCE OF COMMUNISM IN PALESTINE*

Another exposé of Communist penetration into Palestine was revealed by Frank C. Hanighen in his column in the Human Events weekly, "Not Merely Gossip." Writing in the May 12th issue of the Washington publication, Mr. Hanighen said:

"The Russian role in the Palestine drama is rarely mentioned by commentators these days, but it is nevertheless causing increasing concern in Government circles . . . We have received a picture of Russian penetration in Palestine, which checks with some Government information. It is from a former Polish business man, resident in Palestine for the past two years, who has recently arrived in the United States. The gist of his remarks is as follows:

"Irgun, the Leftist terrorist organization, is infiltrated by the Communists. But the real Red fifth column is the Stern gang, and the consulates of the Polish Communist government. The Stern gang is 100 per cent Communist and includes regular Russian MVD agents. Guards of the Polish consulates are entirely composed of Stern gang members. There are five of these consulates, all generously staffed—with from 100 to 150 members. They give the Stern gang ample diplomatic protection and provide media for spreading Russian propaganda throughout the country, as well as obtaining the necessary intelligence for the Soviet Union."

The manifesto was drafted at the Latin Patriarchate and signed by the Greek Orthodox and Armenian Orthodox patriarchates, the Franciscan order, which is the custodian of the Holy Land; the Coptic and Syrian Orthodox patriarchates and the Greek Catholic and Armenian Catholic vicarates.

The damages to the religious shrines of all faiths in Palestine tend to emphasize the warning of tragedy which the Christian Union of Palestine had addressed to the United



Nations and all world religious bodies on March 3rd in which Christian dignitaries sought "to give expression to their deep sorrow and strong indignation at the lamentable situation in which the Holy Land, the cradle of peace, has been placed as a direct result of the erroneous policy which had been imposed on the country and which has culminated in the partition plan."

"Peace will not be restored nor would any endeavors made for the promotion of the 'peace of Jerusalem' be crowned with success," the Christian Union's appeal charged, "unless those bodies who undertake the determination of the future of Palestine would remove the causes which had made a battlefield of the Holy Land, reestablishing the principles of justice and maintain the right of self-determination as envisaged in the charter of the United Nations."

"The Christian Union wishes to declare, in unequivocal terms, that they denounce the partition plan, being of the strong conviction that this plan involves a violation of the sacredness of the Holy Land which, by its nature and history, is indivisible and encroachment on the natural rights of the Arabs, the people of the country."

Then with a prophetic vision the Christian Union went on to stress that "any attempt to enforce erroneous policy by force will inevitably be doomed to failure for 'right is stronger weapon than 'might'."

The appeal of the Christian Union bore the seals and signatures of the Greek Orthodox, Coptic, Latin, Melkite, Armenian Orthodox, Armenian Catholic, Syriac Catholic patriarchates or their vicars, Custodian of Terra Santa, Metropolitan of the Syriac Orthodox Community, Arab Evangelical Episcopal Community, and the Arab Lutheran Community. Although these church leaders knew whereof they spoke from their lifelong and intimate work in the Holy Land, and although they expressed themselves in "complete agreement, in principle and deed, with their Moslem Brethren in their endeavor to resist and ward off any violation of their rights," their pleas went unheeded.

But it is still not too late for justice to be exercised to the rightful citizens of Palestine, if the United Nations would heed the unemotional but logical appeal expressed by Dr. Charles Malik, Lebanese Minister to the United States, to the

Security Council on May 28th, when he said: "It is not the way of peace to keep pointing the finger of accusation at the Arab world, to keep disregarding its deepest feelings. If the Arabs completely despair of international justice and if the [Security] Council succeeds in putting them in a mood of what I might term an international complex, do the members think that real peace will ever be established in the Near East?"

Dr. Malik, after stressing the difference between a forced and patched-up solution, and the solution of real statesmanship, —between a forced and unnatural peace of nature and truth," warned that "a dictated peace, held by international pressure and force of arms, and leaving the Arabs of the Middle East —and behind them in varying degrees, the entire Moslem world—permanently disaffected, is obviously not a real peace."

The Lebanese statesman told the Security Council, that "The real task of world statesmanship is to help the Jews and the Arabs not to be permanently alienated from one another. The Jews must come to terms with the Arabs sooner or later. They must do so before they come to terms with the Americans, or the Russians, or the Guatemalans. They cannot keep on estranging the Arab world indefinitely, and rejoicing in the comfortable feeling that they have gained, in return, the blessing of the outside world. Such a state of affairs is wholly unnatural, unreal and unstable."

"The function of this Council," he continued, "is not only the mere mechanical restoration of peace and security in Palestine—that is a relatively easy matter—but the more difficult task, the statesmanlike task of creating the necessary objective and psychological conditions of trust and intercourse, an encounter between Jew and Arab in Palestine whereby this unnatural estrangement of the Jewish community from its immediate world is cancelled and overcome."

"The Arabs constitute the immediate world of the Jews and it is with them that they are going to live for the next 10, 50, 100 years if necessary. Their friendship is more important to them than all the friendship of the rest of the world."

Dr. Malik asserted that "the real task of those who would establish real peace in Palestine and the Near East is to refrain from giving the Jews a false sense of international security, and therefore from encouraging them to defy and flout

the Arab world." Continuing he said that "One victory of real understanding with the Arabs—no matter how modest, no matter how rudimentary—is worth a hundred hollow international engagements. Every victory won by the Jews in the international field at the expense of understanding and concord with the Arabs is profoundly illusory, for real victories are always victories of understanding.

"I believe that Jew and Arab must, sooner or later, live together in peace in Palestine. You who sit on the Security Council can either help them to do that in peace and justice soon, or you can employ such high political procedures as to delay that day and to litter the path leading thereto with much blood and suffering and bitterness.

"There can be absolutely no peace if the Security Council approaches its task in a punitive spirit and on the basis of a fait accompli. If the motive is to punish the Arabs, then there can be no peace. If the presupposition is to confront the Arabs with a fait accompli, to force a Jewish state upon them by sheer fiat, again there can be no real peace. Real and honest understanding, far sighted-conciliation—not on the basis of a fait accompli and not in a punitive and vengeful spirit—is the only way out of this terrible problem."

"The will to conciliation and peace," Dr. Malik concluded, "must first be generated in our respective capitals. The prize in this problem will not go in the end to efficient political improvisation but to stability of character, foresight, wisdom and understanding."

#### IRGUNIST HINTS FUTURE HOLY LAND CONQUEST

That responsible Jewish leadership has no intention of confining its proposed political state in Palestine to the boundaries outlined in the U. N. partition plan has been proclaimed directly or indirectly many times since Zionists adopted military tactics. The latest pronouncement comes from Menahim Beigin, head of Irgun Zvai Leumi, who according to the *N. Y. Times* of June 14th, declared in a radio broadcast that he had organized a new political group known as the "Jewish Movement for Freedom." Beigin said it will devote its activities to the "freeing of all of Palestine."

The *Times* report says that Irgun Zvai Leumi "always

has maintained that Palestine and Transjordan should constitute a Jewish state" and that "its insignia shows a map of this territory with a Hebrew legend, 'Only Thus.'"

In an editorial appraising "America and the United Jewish Appeal," the *Arizona Daily Star* of Tucson said on Feb. 27, 1948 that "In every Jewish schoolhouse in Palestine is a map called, 'Land of Israel,' which includes all of Palestine, New Lebanon, part of Syria and Iraq and all of Transjordan. The children are taught, and many of the political leaders claim, all of that area belongs to the future Jewish State!"

#### ABDALLAH EXPOSES ZIONIST LIES

In an attempt to destroy the unity of the Arab states in their common stand against the establishment of a Jewish political state in Palestine, Zionist propaganda has continually harped upon the theme that the personal ambitions of King Abdallah of Transjordan run counter to the principles of the other Arab states. The Amman ruler has been pictured as willing to make a deal, whereby he was supposed to annex the eastern part of the Holy Land to his kingdom in return for which he was supposed to recognize a Jewish political state in the remaining part. If there is one thing which has united all the Arab states, it is their unanimous opposition to a Zionist state. Developments in the Near Eastern countries for the past dozen years clearly emphasize that fact.

On June 13th, Abdallah gave the lie to the Zionist propaganda when he declared in Amman:

"I have never said anything of the sort, and it must be clear to all that I will follow the decisions of all Arab countries for Palestine's political future. I will not take any decision concerning the future of Palestine which will not be in complete agreement with all the Arab States."

The Arizona editor wrote that editorial after he had toured Palestine with a group of other American newspapermen and thus recorded what he had seen from first hand experience.

Do American politicians, who peddle and prattle the Zionist line, still sincerely believe that Zionism does not aim at the geographical conquest of the Arab world, as well as its economical and political control, in view of the above testimony? One could easily refer them to a more recent pronouncement



by David Ben-Gurion, who hinted that Zionism will not rest until it seizes Jerusalem for its capitol.

#### COMMUNIST LEADS ZIONIST FORCES

*Al Misri*, authoritative daily newspaper in Cairo, reported on May 19th that the commander of the Zionist armed forces in Southern Palestine is a Yugoslav communist who lived in Russia during the past decade and who in 1946 headed a Yugoslav military mission to the United States. It is also significant that Yugoslavia was one of the six Russian satellite countries which immediately recognized the proposed Jewish political state in the Holy Land.

*Al Misri* charges that the anti-aircraft guns as well as other heavy armament used by the Zionists in the southern sector bear the mark of the Russian army.

Alef-Ba, a Damascus daily newspaper, reports that two former colonels in the Red army are serving with the Zionist forces in Northern Palestine. Confirmation of this charge was obtained in confessions made by Jewish prisoners captured by the Syrian forces in that area.

Heavy shipments of goods are also reported leaving Communist controlled Rumanian Black Sea ports through the Dardenelles for Zionist dominated ports in Palestine. The United Press revealed late in May that an agreement had been reached between Rumania and the self proclaimed Zionist state whereby the former country would supply oil for the Jewish war machine.

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